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ECONOMIC DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of 21st Meeting

10:00 a.m., 13 August 1958

PRESENT

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Mr. McCaffrey, OSD
Mr. Wood, ACSI
Miss Baldwin, ICA/S
Mr. Martin, EPS/Commerce
Mr. Anderson, MDAC
Mr. Oliver, DFI
Mrs. Young, ECD
Mr. Wathen, MC

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1. Minutes, 24 January 1957 (EDIC/M-20)

Action:

The minutes of the meeting held 24 January 1957 were approved.

2. Proposed Merger of the Economic Defense Intelligence Committee as a Subcommittee of the Economic Intelligence Committee (EDIC/AM-33)

Discussion:

In response to a question from the OSD representative, the Chairman stated that the activity of EDIC as a subcommittee of the EIC would be identical to that which presently obtains. There would possibly be allocations to certain of the committees which have primary responsibility in the EIC for the item concerned. The only change is one of organization.

In response to a question from the DFI representative, the Chairman stated that the channels and functioning of EDIC as a subcommittee of the EIC would be the same, and that in his judgment, the membership would be closer to the working level.

In response to a question from the ICA representative, the Chairman stated that a subcommittee of the type needed to handle general items would be erected in the EIC structure. It would handle items of a general significance. All of the agencies are represented in the EIC structure.

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In response to a question from the ACSI representative, the Chairman stated that reports would go to the EIC for distribution. The ACSI representative then expressed his concern over a delay in the distribution of EDIC reports incidental to the necessity for prior EIC review. The EPS and OSD representatives also stressed the importance to their operations of prompt dissemination of EDIC reports and expressed their hope that the proposed reorganization would not result in any delays thereof.

In summary, the Chairman stated that he would report the individual judgment of EDIC to the EIC and a general acceptance. The recognition of the concern regarding time-lag expressed by the representatives from ACSI, EPS, and OSD were acknowledged.

Action:

The Chairman will get some expression from the EIC about the objections raised by the representatives from ACSI, EPS, and OSD and notify the members.

3. Sixth Annual Progress Report of the Economic Defense Intelligence Committee (Draft) (EDIC/R-5)

Discussion:

The OSD representative raised a question regarding the role of EDIC in planning for economic warfare. In response, the Chairman explained that since the Office of Defense and Civilian Mobilization (ODCM) has been vested with the overall responsibility, inter alia, for mobilization planning for economic warfare, he has had conversations with ODCM officials regarding EDIC participation in this field, and plans are being developed for coordinated interagency intelligence support for economic warfare activities.

The EPS representative, referring to Section III "Future Activities," recommended that the language be changed to indicate that the Department of Commerce ACEP/OC structure will (rather than "may be expected to...") re-examine US controls, and that EDIC (or its successor) will (rather than "may reasonably expect to...") receive further requests for intelligence support for ACEP/OC determinations.

Action:

The Committee accepted these recommendations and the Chairman indicated that if the proposed reorganization of EDIC is approved, the draft annual report will be changed to cover the period from 1 July 1957 until such date as the reorganization becomes effective.

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